

House Resolution No. 1961

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrell of Blue Springs, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner on January 29, 2005; and

Whereas, upon attaining this significant milestone in their marriage, Fred and Shirley Merrell undoubtedly looked back some five decades ago and reminisced about the day they met at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, their courtship, and the beautiful ceremony in which they exchanged their sacred nuptial vows on January 29, 1955, at the Englewood Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois; and

Whereas, on their wedding day, Fred Merrell and Shirley McCaig began to nurture a love that has flourished and grown to bring them inestimable joy and fill their hearts with ecstasy for fifty years; and

Whereas, Fred and Shirley Merrell have been blessed with the love and affection of five children, Susan Merrell, James Merrell, Sally O'Quinn, Thomas Merrell, and Peggy Golden; and eight grandchildren; and

Whereas, Fred Merrell has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes serving as a high school teacher and football coach for forty-six years, being named Coach of the Year on numerous occasions, volunteering with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, toiling as a Sunday school teacher, and working part-time as a sports photographer with Photographic Enterprises; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Shirley Merrell further distinguished herself by serving as a teacher's aid for twenty years, teaching the visually impaired for eight years, and being a school volunteer; and

Whereas, Fred and Shirley Merrell have made a spirited effort to keep their relationship fresh and alive, and have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Fred and Shirley Merrell and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey together walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrell.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1961, adopted April 7, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker